

Predeparture Passenger Baggage Inspection Notice for Travelers From the U.S. Virgin Islands to the U.S. Mainland

American agriculture is under constant threat of attack from countless enemies. These enemies are often microscopic and include foreign plant pests and diseases. Every traveler, including those going from the U.S. Virgin Islands to the U.S. mainland, may unknowingly carry these hitchhikers, which could seriously damage American agriculture.

All travelers' baggage moving from the U.S. Virgin Islands to the U.S. mainland is subject to inspection. These inspections are conducted by officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) prior to your departure from the airport. Please be prepared to open and close your own baggage.

If you have any agricultural items with you, please tell the inspector. Failure to do so can result in delays and fines of \$1,000 or more.

Agricultural Items From Puerto Rico Permitted Into the Mainland (after inspection)

Allium spp. (includes onion, garlic, and chives)
Amaranth, *Amaranthus* spp. (leaf, stem)
Anise
Annona spp. (leaf)
Arracacia xanthorrhiza
Arrowroot
Artichoke, Jerusalem
Asparagus
Avocado
Balsam apple
Bamboo shoots
Banana (fruit, leaf without stalk or midrib)
Basil
Bay leaves, laurel
Beans, shelled (faba, lima, string)
Beans, in pods (faba, lima, string)—Have geographic restrictions. For complete details, go to

<<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/manuals>>.

Beet
Bitter melon
Brassica oleracea (includes cabbage, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cauliflower, kale, and collards)
Breadfruit, *Artocarpus* spp.
Breadnut
Cacao bean pod
Cannonball fruit
Cantaloupe
Carrot
Cassava
Celery
Chamomile, *Anthemis* spp.
Chayote
Chervil
Chickory
Chinese waternut
Chrysanthemum spp. (leaf, stem)
Cilantro
Citrus (grapefruit, orange, lemon, lime)
Coconut
Collard
Corn (on the cob only)
Corns salad, *Vallerianella* spp.
Cucumber (includes Angola cumcumber, *Sicana odorata*)
Cyperus corn
Dandelion greens (leaf, stem)
Dasheen, *Colocasia*, *Caladium* spp., and *Xanthosoma* spp.
Eggs
Eggplant
Endive
Ethrog (fruit)
False coriander
Fennel
Flowers (fresh, cut, or dried)
Genip
Ginger root
Gourd
Guava (leaf)
Herbs (dried or cured)
Honeydew melon
Horseradish, *Armoracia* spp.
Indigo, *Indigofera* spp.
Insects (dried or preserved)
Jackfruit
Kale
Kudzu—If not seed, tuberous roots, or stems with node (**must not** be capable of propagation).

Lambsquarter
 Lemongrass, *Cymbopogon citratus*
 Leren
 Lettuce
 Lily bulb, edible
 Lotus root
 Maguey
 Mangosteen
 Marjoram, *Origanum* spp. (leaf, stem)
 Mint, *Mentha* spp.
 Mushrooms
 Mustard greens
 Oregano, *Origanum* spp. (leaf, stem)
 Palm heart
 Papaya
 Parsley
 Parsnip
 Pepper
 Peas, *Pisum sativum* (in pod or shelled)
 Pet birds—Entry requirements vary depending on the origin of the bird. Please consult USDA–APHIS’ Program Aid No. 1832, “Importing a Pet Bird: Special Rules for Bringing Pet Birds of Non-U.S. Origin Into the United States,” for details on the entry requirements for pet birds.
 Pineapple
 Plantain (fruit, leaf without stalk or midrib)
 Plant cuttings and plants **without** soil
 Pokeweed greens (leaf, stem)
 Potato
 Pumpkin
 Purslane
 Radish
 Rhubarb
 Rosemary (leaf)
 Rutabaga
 St. John’s bread
 Salsify
 Savoy
 Snail shells (if empty and thoroughly cleaned)
 Sorrel, *Rumex* spp.
 Spinach
 Squash
 Stinking-toe (pod)
 Strawberry
 Sweet potato (leaf only)
 Swiss chard
 Tamarind bean pods
 Taro, *Colocasia* and *Caladium* spp.
 Tarragon
 Thyme
 Tomato
 Truffle
 Turnip
 Vegetable marrow
 Water chestnut
 Watercress

Watermelon
 Yam, *Dioscorea* spp.
 Yautia (tania), *Xanthosoma* spp.
 Note: Commercially canned and thoroughly cooked foods are permitted. All permissible agricultural products are subject to inspection.

Agricultural Items From Puerto Rico *Not Permitted* Into the Mainland

Cactus
 Cotton, cotton cuttings
 Fruits (fresh)—All fruits are prohibited except those on the preceding list.
 Insects (live)
 Plants in soil
 Seed cotton and cottonseed
 Snails (land)
 Seeds or nuts (pulpy)
 Soil
 Sugarcane
 Sweet potato
 Vegetables (fresh)—All vegetables are prohibited except those on preceding list.

Additional Information

Lists are subject to change. For more information, visit the APHIS Web site at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/manuals> or call the USDA office at the airport:

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